To Anne Cropper Secy Liverpool
Negro's friend Society—

GARRISON MSS.

Dear Madam,

The address, from your ~~Society~~ what we recent how expression of so much sympathy for the enslaved & for ourselves ~~has been received~~ & is gratefully appreciated by our society.

Probably from the intimacy of the commercial relations between Liverpool & the U.S. & the greater facilities for immediate communication you are fully aware—more so perhaps ~~than~~ any other English women can be, of the difficulties we have to encounter. ~~in our efforts for the abolition of Slavery.~~

You have many opportunities for seeing how in the political in the mercantile & in the religious community the interests of the Northern & Southern States are inseparably linked together like the roots of ~~[illegible]~~ forest trees beneath the soil & how ~~deep~~ a sincerely expressed wish for the abolition of ~~attempt to touch~~ slavery ~~sets discountenance~~ has heretofore but served to show how intimately the

cherished institution
the Slave States had become interwoven with those of the nominally Free States.

We rejoice to be able say that the efforts of the abolitionists have not been entirely in vain. In two of the N. E. States Massachusetts & Connecticut decisions have been obtained of their Supreme Judicial Courts that a slave, brought hither by his master from the South is free. And in Ohio a similar case is pending with good hope of a successful issue. Throughout the N England States the people are beginning to perceive that they have been deceived by those in whom they trusted respecting the abolitionists. Riotous Outrages against Freedom are becoming less frequent, the tone of the ~~political~~ opposition press less virulent. The clergy as a body remain unmoved, a clog upon the wheels of a cause which every sincere clergyman cannot but feel to be his own & a part & parcel of his mission to men. The Southern Legislatures, ~~which~~ ~~have~~ ~~for some time past remained quiet~~ finding their appeals fruitless to those of the North to convict their citizens of crime if they ventured to express the opinion that slavery was a sin which ought to be immediately repented of; have seemed doubtful what step to take next. But the Governor of Virginia has at length led the way imprisoning one of the society of friends in Virginia for the crime of attending ~~this~~ yearly meeting in Pennsylvania, & there endeavouring to get an unusually moderate address issued (an abatement of the ancient testimony of the friends) & for circulating sundry copies of that address in Virginia. Not content with this, he has demanded of Gov Ritner a of Pennsylvania, the clerks of that meeting. On the whole the aspect of the cause is exceedingly encouraging. In our own ~~little~~ department of it, we are endeavouring to sustain those who feel a call to the work, to preach deliverance to the slave & repentance to the master throughout the land. Our ways & means ~~means~~ for raising funds are small — but ~~by~~ we have resolved that nothing shall ~~be left undone that~~ self-denial & exertion ~~we trust~~ can accomplish. the utmost we can do is but as a drop to the ocean yet are we as truly responsible for it as our efforts alone could immediately ~~bring repentance to every tyrannical heart~~ ~~& freedom to every slave~~ accomplish all we wish & pray for. I enclose copies of the proceedings a a convention of American Women recently held at N york

I think the circumstance of the address to the Women of the North emanating from South Carolina & from one so intimately acquainted with all the bearings of the subject as Angelina E Grimké will do much to deprive ~~[illegible]~~ many of our friends ~~prof~~ of the excuses in which they so often take shelter. ~~With the~~ Charged with grateful assurances of affectionate respect I am

Yours in behalf of the B. F. A. S. S.

M W Chapman

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